

IN THE UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Applicant: **Rafferty**

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Group Art Unit: **2615**

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Title: **HEARING AID THAT FACILITATES REMOVAL OF EARWAX AND
TRAPPING OF MOISTURE**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 7, 2009

In response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2009, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 7, 2009, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-3562 for any other fees, including additional extension of time fees or additional excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.